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1. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE:

(A) JUNE 23 PRESS REPORTED STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS AS HE DEPARTED FOR OECD MEETING. HE SAID OECD WOULD BE REVIEWING RESULTS OF RECENT NORTH-SOUTH MEETING AND THAT PORTUGAL WOULD PLAY "A ROLE OF CONCILATION BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS RELATED TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, NOT FORGETTING THAT ... WE ARE A PART OF THE OECD AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES."

(B) JOSE FERNANDES WRITING IN JUNE 23 ISSUE OF WEEKLY CENTRIST NEWSPAPER "TEMPO" CHARACTERIZED LATEST NORTH-SOUTH TALKS AS A STAND-OFF BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD: "NOT EVEN THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS ... AND OTHER SPECIAL CONCESSIONS MANAGED TO CONVINCE THE THIRD WORLD ... IT IS THE IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE STANDARDS OF LIVING THAT AFFECTS THE INHABITANTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH THE NORTH-
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-SOUTH DIALOGUE
SOUGHT TO ELIMINATE OR AT LEAST TO ALLEVIATE. THE RICH COUNTRIES PROMISE THIS (FOR THE FUTURE), WHILE THE POOR NATIONS DEMAND IT NOW"

2. ILO: MODERATELY HEAVY COVERAGE OF GENEVA MEETING AND U.S.
STAND ON DEPARTURE FROM ILO CONTINUED:

(A) "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" JUNE 23 REPORTED RETURN OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION FROM GENEVA MEETING WITH HEADLINE, "DEPARTURE OF U.S. FROM ILO COULD BRING ALONG EUROPEAN COUNTRIES." GOP DELEGATION CHIEF MARCELO CURTO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: COUNTRIES SUCH AS WEST GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE STATED THAT IF THE U.S. LEAVES, THEY WILL GO AS WELL. THUS, IF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH WE CONSIDER AS AMONG THOSE WITH ADVANCED DEMOCRACIES LEAVE (THE ILO)..., PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND GREECE PROBABLY WILL LEAVE IT TOO. IF WE STAYED IN AN ILO WHICH LACKED THE THREE-WAY BALANCE, IN WHICH HIGHLY CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENTS DOMINATED, WE WOULD BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED. THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR OUR PRESENCE." CURTO ALSO NOTED THAT WITH DEPARTURE OF U.S., ONE-FOURTH OF ILO BUDGET WOULD DISAPPEAR "AND THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED." CURTO ALSO REPORTED ON WHAT HE CALLED "VERY HARSH" STATEMENTS BY ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST U.S. REGARDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE SAID, THE "PRESSURES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WERE THE KEY ISSUE" OF THE GENEVA MEETING.

(B) "O DIA" JUNE 23 HEADLINE WAS "ILO ACCUSED OF GROWING POLITIZATION." REPORT SAID "U.S. GROUPS SAID THAT THE ILO HAS BECOME PARTISAN, SUPPORTING THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND IS INCREASINGLY RUN BY A COALITION OF SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING NATIONS WHICH ARE MORE NUMEROUS THAN WESTERN NATIONS. ALTHOUGH THIS VIEWPOINT IS SHARED BY MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES WAS THE ONLY NATION WHICH THREATENED TO LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION."
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3. CSCE: DANIEL GOMES, UNDER PARIS DATELINE, WROTE FOR JUNE 23 "TEMPO" A HARD-LINE, PESSIMISTIC ANALYSIS OF FUTURE OF DETENT. HE SAID, "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, CONTRARY TO THE OPINIONS PUT OUT BY CERTAIN PROGRESSIVIST CIRCLES, WAS CONCEIVED TO WEAKEN THE WEST. WHO CAN DENY THAT THE USSR HAS IN FACT PROCLAIMED THE GLOBAL AMBITIONS OF ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM? CUBA AND ANGOLA ARE BLOODLESS EXAMPLES OF THE SOVIET ASSAULT. A SINCERE COMING TOGETHER OF THE WEST AND THE 'SOCIALIST' BLOC WOULD NEGATE ALL SOVIET POLICIES, GIVEN FACT THAT MARXISM EXCLUDES ANY FORM OF MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION WITH THE CAPITALIST CAMP..."
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